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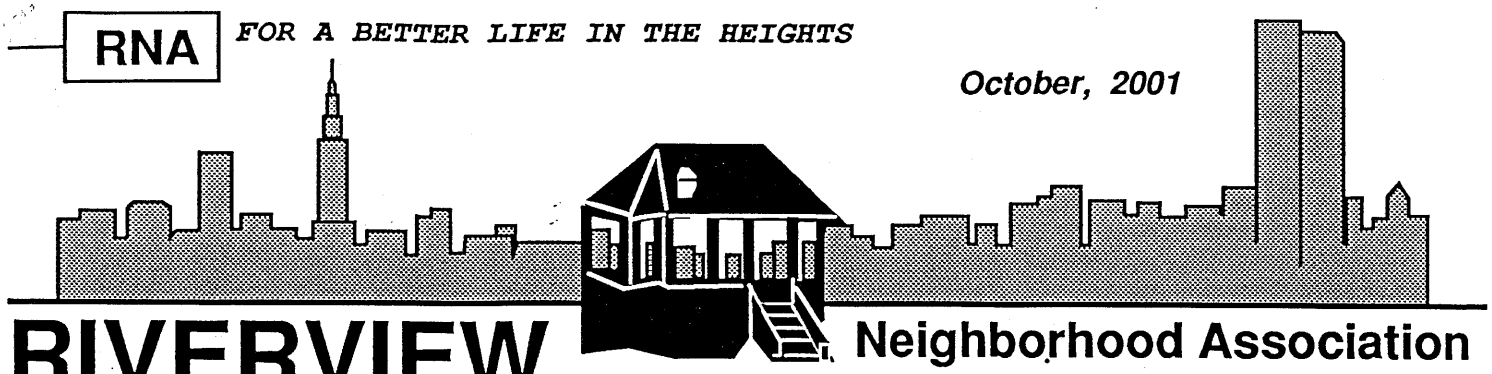

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Life Goes On . . . .

Two weeks after the September 11th tragedy, a full moon is shining over the City's skyline and the smoke is finally clearing from ground zero. From its vantage point on the Palisades, our community witnessed this catastrophe and every day since views the aftermath. Members of our neighborhood have been personally affected by this event, either by surviving the attack itself or mourning loved ones. There have been poignant articles and columns - both local and national - that describe the horrors of that day and the dreaded consequences that it portends.

People have acted heroically. City workers like **Glenn Cunningham** of the Incinerator Authority volunteered during the first days to work at the site. **Jersey City Fire Captain Christopher Salmon** with several comrades ventured through the Path tunnels to find any survivors under the Trade Center's train station. Local residents came together on Friday, September 14th in Riverview-Fisk Park to light candles and mourn the victims.

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GUEST SPEAKERS at OCTOBER MEETING

RNA has invited **Councilman Steve Lipski** and **Police Captain Joseph Pizzelanti** of the North District to our October 9th meeting. Steve Lipski was recently elected as the council representative for Ward C. Traditionally known as the Journal Square ward, the district extends north along Ogden and Palisade Avenues to Franklin Street. He will be asked to addresss topics of local concern, including the completion of the street repaving along Palisade Avenue, a review of the permit parking times in our neighborhood and NJ Transit's current excavation project under the Palisades.

Captain Pizzelanti is the recently appointed commander of the North District. He and his new executive officer, **Lieut. Robert Kilduf**, were unable to attend last month's meeting because of the Trade Center catastrophe. We will discuss the need for greater police patrols in our neighborhoods and parks.

FALL ACTIVITIES

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Sunday , Oct. 28th

The **Puppets in the Park** and **the Heights Halloween Parade** sponsored by **Studio Heights** are off to a grand start. We have devoted one day each weekend in September to puppet-making workshops. Kids from all over are enjoying the fine weather and the creative activity in our beautiful Riverview-Fisk Park. The October workshop scedhule is as follows: **Saturday, Oct. 6th, 13th**, and **Sunday, October 21st** from **1** to **2:30 PM** in the Park.

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FALL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP: Saturday, November 3rd; 8:00 AM

RNA will be sponsoring its Annual Fall Clean-Up on **Saturday, November 3rd.** This semi-annual event affirms our commitment to our neighborhood.

The day's activities will begin at **8:00 AM** with the cleaning of our **Riverview-Fisk Park.** In addition, we will also spend time "sprucing-up" **Holland Street**, in preparation for a State Preservation Tour, sponsored by the **Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy.** [On Oct. 20th, the **Heights Hope Neighborhood Assn.** will be coordinating

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HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY: Saturday, November 10th

This year, RNA is holding its annual holiday party for the residents of the **Harbor View Heatlh Care Facility** on **Saturday, November 10th at 1:30 PM.** The event will take place in the second floor party room. It will be an afternoon of fun, music, food and drink for all the residents.

As usual, we are asking for donations of sugar-free baked goods, both homemade and store-bought. The baked goods should be brought to the facility on that day in throw away pans or trays. We are also asking for donations of men's and ladies socks, handkerchiefs and stuffed dolls or animals to make the gift baskets which are traditionally

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Neighbors gave generously on Saturday, the 15th to a quickly organized relief drive that collected clothing and supplies at the **Royal House Cleaning Service.** Special thanks to **David Crowder, Greg Brickey and Clif Steinbring** for their unselfish efforts in coordinating this effort. People are talking to each other - sometimes just stopping in the Park and expressing their horror, sadness and anger.

After these emotions subside, the question is, what happens next? A local resident may have stated it best. We need to just continue to live our lives. We should carry on with our jobs, our families and our projects. The projects planned for our community should also proceed.

There is a simple truth in that thought. Individually, we should paint that room, renovate that bathroom or lay in that new concrete sidewalk. Collectively, we should work together to improve our neighborhood, by holding annual events like the fall clean-up of the Park and Holland Street. Or initiate new ones like the Halloween Parade through the Park.

We do these things not to forget what has happened, but in memory of it.

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Halloween Parade

On Saturday, the 20th and Sunday, the 21st, look for our puppets on display in the community space (to be announced) of the Jersey City Artists Studio Tour. Then join in the Halloween Parade at Riverview-Fisk Park on **Sunday, October 28th at 3 PM** sharp!. Wear your costume. To find out more or to volunteer, call **Sandy at 798-4235.**

Studio Heights is looking for *donations* of raw materials for the puppet making workshops. If you are cleaning out your closets and can't bear to throw things away, see if any of the following items are in your "give away" pile: Chicken Wire, Primer, Acrylic Paint, Exterior Varnish or Polyurethane, Markers (Sharpies), Broomsticks (Dowels), Armature Wire, Masking Tape, Mixing Pans, Sheets/Fabric, Glitter, Tarps, tissue Paper, Styrofoam, Mop Heads, Cardboard Sheets, Latex Gloves, String, Fishing Line (Heavy Duty), Paint Brushes, Big Water Cups, Hula Hoops, Fishing Weights, Bubble Wrap, Wheat Paste, Newsprint. Call Sandy at the above number and see will pick them up.

Sandy Martiny

Fall Neighborhood Clean-up

its fall planting of flower bulbs on Holland Street. For more information, call **Marge Daly** at **963-6564.**]

As with previous clean-up weekends, we have also arranged the use of **two City owned dumpsters** for the disposal of large household debris. As in the past, the Incinerator Authority will place a Dumpster at the North end of our community on **Hobson Street** and on the Southern end at **Franklin Street.** You are reminded to limit your use of the dumpsters to household items only. As once the dumpsters are filled, that's it till Spring!

We hope you will be available to participate in these activities and you will alert your friends and neighbors. If you would like to volunteer or lead a specific activity, contact our coordinator, **Joe Sadowsky** at **792-4748.** There will be refreshments for all the volunteers. So show your pride in our neighborhood and join us on November 3rd.

Harbor View Holiday Party

given to the residents.

There will be live musical entertainment for our seniors. However, what is needed most is volunteers - to help serve the food and drink, give out the presents and most importantly, to spend some quality time with these lovely seniors - talking and listening to them. They also love to have young children visit and talk to them.

For more information, come to the October 9th meeting or call **Valerie at 653-6916.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

RNA is looking for volunteers to help organize its annual winter activities. We need people to plan our **Food and Toy Drive, Christmas Carolling,** and **RNA's Holiday Party.**

If interested, speak to **Maria** at the next meeting or call her at **659-2245.**

MEETING MINUTES: September 11, 2001

The September meeting was overshadowed by the catastrophic events that had occurred earlier in the day at the World Trade Center. However, six community minded members made their way to the Harbor View's second floor sun room Tuesday night to meet with **Bill Gaughan,** recently re-elected as Councilman of Ward D.

The first topic Bill addressed was the long-over due paving of Palisade Avenue. The original contractor had sold their interests to another company, Tellcon. It appears that the two companies were now disagreeing on what part of the Palisade Avenue contract, Tellcon would be responsible for. In an attempt to expedite the repaving, the City was meeting with representatives of the two companies on Friday to sort the matter out.

[At press time, the Councilman informed RNA that the meeting with the two companies had taken place and the paving of the Avenue should begin before the end of the year. In another development, the Department of Public Works (DPW) was going to fill in the portions of the street along the curb to facilitate street cleaning because of complaints made at the September 26th Council meeting by Avenue residents.]

It was pointed out to the Councilman that the side streets in our neighborhood were also in need of repair. In response, Bill stated that he had recently completed created a list of "bad' streets and gave them to the DPW for repair.

The next topic brought up was the need to review the amount of hours and days of restricted parking under the current permit parking ordinance for

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DONATIONS

[The following is a list of reputable organizations that are accepting monetary contributions for the victims of the September 11th tragedy.]

AMERICAN RED CROSS: 1-800-HELP-NOW

SALVATION ARMY: 1-800-SAL-ARMY

WTC RELIEF FUND: 1-800-801-8092

UNITED WAY: (212) 251-4035

Death Certificates

Hudson County Surrogate Donald W. De Leo is available to assist local residents who have lost loved ones in the recent tragedy. His office will give the survivors the legal authority to do what is necessary to settle the affairs of the deceased. He will help to secure death certificates and give guidance in connection with death benefit claims (such as, life insurance, pension benefits and other employee benefits.)

He can be reached at **(201) 795-6377** and his office is located at **595 Newark Avenue**, Jersey City.

☞ IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

1) **Councilman Bill Gaughan**: Ward D: **547-5485**

2) **Councilman Steve Lipski**: Ward C:**610-1009**

3) **Maureen Corcoran, Mayor's Action Bureau: 547-5554** (formerly Constituent Services).

4) **Neighborhood Improvement District:** Call the **NID** at **547-5683** to complain about any quality of life problem or concern on your block: including litter, garbage, and vandalism.

4) **Parking Authority:** To report parking complaints call **653-6969**, extension **127**.

5) **PSEG Lighting:** To report a non-functioning light in the Park or in the streets, call**1-800-832-2221.**

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The **Institute for the Advancement of Community Leadership and Service Learning**, located at New Jersey City University is recruiting candidates for this year's Leadership Program. The program sponsors workshops that provide professional training in leadership skills, including conducting effective meetings and working within a culturally diverse community. The first session will be held on October 19th. For more information, call (201) 200-2310.

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force** (NTF) **Police Officers** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity through the North District's Community Service voice mail at **547-5719** or through the front desk at **547-5350**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message. For emergencies, call **547-5477** or **911**.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit** at **547-5391**. All calls will be strictly confidential.

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Visit the *savethepalisades.org* website to find out about local Heights news. To receive notices about upcoming events, join the e-mail list by sending your name and e-mail address to: *info@savethepalisades.org.*

As a voice in our community, this website is dedicated to the preservation of our Palisades cliffs.

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our community. Gaughan said he would like to meet with all the neighborhood associations to discuss proposed changes because both Ward C and D would be affected by any new parking rules.

There was a discussion about the problem of organized soccer and volleyball playing in Riverview-Fisk Park this summer and the resultant deterioration of the lawns. Gaughan suggested that the City explore leasing space in Liberty State Park for this type of sports activity because currently all municipal fields are being utilized to their fullest.

Bill updated the group on the progress of the construction of the new firehouse on Palisade Avenue and Congress Street.

Finally, the group urged the Councilman to prioritize the renovation of the eastern portion of Riverview-Fisk Park, which RNA has been lobbying the City to start for the last ten years.

The meeting started at 7:55 PM and ended at 8:40 PM.

Maria Tuzzo, Secretary

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Meet Councilman Steve Lipski
and Police Captain Joseph Pizzelanti
at the next RNA Meeting on
Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 PM

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FALL CLEAN-UP:

* DUMPSTER WEEKEND
November 2nd - 4th
City dumpsters located on
Franklin & Hobson Streets
betw. Ogden & Palisade Aves.

* PARK Clean-up
Saturday Nov. 3rd
8:00 AM

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COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER
Guest Speakers:
1. **Councilman Steve Lipski, Ward C**
2. **Police Capt. Joseph Pizzelanti & Lt. Robert Kilduf**

Holland Street Clean-up & Fall Planting: Saturday, October 20th, 9 AM - 3 PM. For more information, call **Heights Hope** at 963-6564.

Heights Halloween Parade: Sunday., October 28, 3 PM - 6 PM
Riverview-Fisk Park. For more info, call **Studio Heights** at 798-4235.

Park Clean-up & Dumpster Weekend: Saturday, November 3rd, 9 AM - 1 PM. For more information, see article on front page.

State Preservation Tour of Holland Street: Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 3 PM. For more info, call **J. C. Landmark Conservancy** at 420-1885.

Fall Party for Harbor View Residents: Saturday, November 10th, 1:30 PM. For more information, see article on front page.